Statement

Yardstick for Selecting the Areas for setting up a Rural Post office in the country

(i) Population

(a) In normal areas:—

3000 population in a group of villages (including the proposed post office village);-

(b) In hilly, tribal, desertand inaccessible areas:—

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages, (ii) Distance

(a) In normal areas:—

The minimum distance from the existing post office will be 3 kms;

(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible areas:—

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) aniticipated income:

(a) In normal area:—

The minimum. anticipated income will be 33!/?% of cost;

(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and incaccessible areas:—

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

Replacement of existing Telephone Instruments by Push Button ones

87. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of push button telephones that have been procured or are proposed to be procured by different Circles/DOT from private manufacturers of the country in the near future;

(b) what is the number of push button telephones provided, so far in Gujarat and Orissa; and

(c) what is the time frame within which the existing telephone instruments will be replaced by push-button telephones in the country and in Gujarat and Orissa Circle?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) (i) 24.46 lakhs EPBT Instruments procured upto December, 1991.

(ii) Orders for 5.45 Lakhs EPBT instruments are under issue.

(b) (i) Gujarat—128015 Nos.
(ii) Orissa—9050 Nos.

(c) All the existing old type of Telephone Instruments are expected to be replaced by March, 1994 in Gujarat and Orissa Telecom. Circle and within next 5 years in the country.

Delivery of mail in Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur

88. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided by the Postal authority not to deliver mail at doorsteps in Greater Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representations protesting against the above decision have been received from the residents of the cities; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, Mail Delivery Order, 1991 requires all addressees in multi-storeyed buildings except those residing at the ground floor to provide mail boxes for delivery of un-registered mail addressed to them. However, transitory relaxation has been permitted in implementation of the order to allow continuance of door delivery to addressees who have not yet been able to provide the box so as to enable smooth transition. The above position holds goods for Greater Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur also.